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a bearing assembly, connected to a housing front wall of the switch pole and including a bearing body mounted on the housing front wall of the switch pole, surrounding the switching shaft in the form of a half shell, and wherein a first subregion of the bearing body is arranged between the coupling levers and forms side guide surfaces for the coupling levers, which are connected to the switching shaft.

2. (Amended) The arrangement as claimed in claim 1,
wherein the bearing body includes a second subregion, which projects axially beyond the coupling levers and forms stop surfaces for the coupling levers.

3. (Amended) The arrangement as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bearing assembly includes a catch hook, whose mating piece forms a bolt which passes through the coupling levers, with the catch hook being mounted in a recess in the bearing body so as to be pivotable.

4. (Amended) A multipole low-voltage circuit breaker including a bearing arrangement as claimed in claim 1.

Please add the following new claims:

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-- 5. The arrangement as claimed in claim 2, wherein the bearing assembly includes a catch hook, whose mating piece forms a bolt which passes through the coupling levers, with the catch hook being mounted in a recess in the bearing body so as to be pivotable.

6. A multipole low-voltage circuit breaker including a bearing arrangement as claimed in claim 2.

7. A multipole low-voltage circuit breaker including a bearing arrangement as claimed in claim 3.

8. A multipole low-voltage circuit breaker comprising:

a plurality of switching contacts;

a switching shaft, in which two coupling levers are arranged on the switching shaft for mechanical connection of each movable switching contact, associated with a switch pole; and

a bearing assembly connected to a housing front wall of the switch pole and including a bearing body mounted on the housing front wall of the switch pole, surrounding the switching shaft in the form of a half shell, wherein a first subregion of the bearing body is arranged between the coupling levers and forms side guide surfaces for the coupling levers, which are connected to the switching shaft.

9. The multipole low-voltage circuit breaker of claim 8, wherein the bearing body includes a second subregion, which projects axially beyond the coupling levers and forms stop surfaces for the coupling levers.

10. The multipole low-voltage circuit breaker of claim 8, wherein the bearing assembly includes a catch hook, whose mating piece forms a bolt which passes through the coupling levers, with the catch hook being mounted in a recess in the bearing body so as to be pivotable. --

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are now present in this application, with new claims 5-10 being added by the present Preliminary Amendment. It should be noted that the amendments to original claims 1-4 of the present application are non-narrowing amendments, made solely to place the claims in proper form for U.S. practice and not to overcome any prior art or for any other statutory considerations. For example, amendments have been made to broaden the claims;